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SIR:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.41 (c), I am filing the attached application with 21 claims, 4 sheets of informal drawings and filing fee on behalf of GERRIT BLEUMER and request that the application papers be assigned a serial number and filing date.

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